

T-602
409 Talbot Street
St. Michaels
private

c. 1860-1870

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 409 Talbot Street

2. Location

street & number 409 Talbot Street

__ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

__ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Betty Mitchell

street & number 409 Talbot Street

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD. 21663

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court

liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse

folio

city, town Easton

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

__ federal __ state __ county __ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. T-602

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

409 Talbot Street, currently used as an antique shop, is a two-story, five-bay frame structure that stands on the east side of the street within the southern commercial district of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland. The center hall frame building faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1860-1870, the two-story, five-bay frame structure was assembled in at least two periods beginning with the southern three-bay section. Within the following few years, the northern two bays were attached to the main block. Supported by a minimal brick foundation, the frame building is sheathed with a combination of aluminum siding, novelty or German siding and plain weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is covered in seamed tin, and patches in the roof indicate the location of the chimney stacks that rise on each side of the center hall.

The west (main) elevation, now covered with a layer of aluminum, is a slightly asymmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance that is framed by sidelights and a four-light transom. The Victorian four-panel door has glazed upper panels. To each side of the entrance are modern display windows that have replaced former openings. According to local residents a door formerly occupied the adjacent bay directly north of the center entrance. This door was apparently introduced into the facade when the building was converted to a duplex. Separate doors provided access to each end of the house while the occupants shared the center stair. The second floor door was probably not an original mid nineteenth-century feature. The original fenestration probably followed closely the slightly asymmetrical placement of six-over-six sash windows that light the second floor. The cornice above the second floor windows is simply boxed.

The north gable end, sheathed with German siding, is marked by a pair of boarded-over windows and a flush gable end. The south gable end, on the other hand, is covered with plain weatherboards, and six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Attached to the southeast side of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan service wing that is covered by a shed and lighted by six-over-six sash windows. North of the two-story kitchen wing is a single-story shed addition. There is a seam in the exterior weatherboards of the main block that indicates the shift between the two periods of construction.

The interior has been generally reworked on the first floor but a few period features survive. The center stair is distinguished by a heavily turned newel post, turned balusters and a molded handrail. Surviving in the south room is a factory-made Victorian mantel. The second floor has not been altered to any large degree except that the four-panel doors have been taken off their hinges and stored in the second floor room of the kitchen wing. Beaded surrounds distinguish most door openings. An access hole to the attic space is located in a small closet in the north room. Clearly evident through the access hole is a series of gable end studs that formerly served as the end of the initial house. Sheared off cut nails indicate the location of the earlier siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

409 Talbot Street stands in a line of mid to late nineteenth-century structures within the southern commercial district of St. Michaels. The relatively intact row of buildings between the intersections of East Chestnut and Mulberry streets is marked by a distinctive diversity of period buildings. With its relatively plain finish, 409 Talbot Street reflects strongly the modest and conservative nature of many St. Michaels structures. The two-story frame building, probably erected as a dwelling, was converted for alternative uses as changes in St. Michaels have entered around commercial, tourist-oriented activities.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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409 TALBOT STREET

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YEAR: 1984 VOL: 584 PAGE: 128
FROM: Lester C. Roe PRICE: \$79,000

TO: Matthew E. Mitchell and Betty E.. Mitchell

NOTES For details see attached deed. The property consists of a parcel with a front of 51 feet on Talbot Street and a depth of 120 feet. It is composed of 2 lots, one 41 feet wide and the other 10 feet wide. It is most of the original 60 foot lot number 24 of James Braddock's St. Michaels.

The deed refers to a conveyance of the property to Patricia B. Roe and Nancy Jane Harding, retaining a life estate with the right to sell. Rebecca E. Roe, wife of Lester, died and Lester exercised his right to sell.
Conveyed to Lester C. Roe and Rebecca E. Roe by Seymour Building Supplies, Inc. 1962, 378/232.

YEAR: 1977 VOL: 513 PAGE: 567

FROM: Lester C. and Rebecca E. Roe PRICE: L & A

TO: Patricia B. Roe and Nancy Jane Harding

NOTES This is parcel 2, lots 1 and 2 of the deed. Lester and Rebecca retained a life estate and reserved the right to sell.

Conveyed to Lester C and Rebecca E. Roe by Seymour Building Supplies, Inc. 1962, 378/232.

YEAR: 1962 VOL: 378 PAGE: 232

FROM: Seymour Building Supplies, Inc. PRICE:

TO: Lester C. Roe and Rebecca E. Roe

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to The Yarn Shop Inc. (name changed to Seymour Building Supplies, Inc.) by Charlotte W. Harrison and Oswald N. Harrison 1958, 346/300.

YEAR: 1958 VOL: 346 PAGE: 300

FROM: Charlotte W. Harrison and Oswald N. Harrison, Jr. PRICE:

TO: The Yarn Shop, Inc.

NOTES Same description.

Conveyed to Clara J. Spencer (now dcd.) and Charlotte W. Harrison by Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis 1952, 296/553.

YEAR: 1952 VOL: 296 PAGE: 553

FROM: Lee S. Gillis and Florence Marie Gillis PRICE:

TO: Clara J. Spencer and Charlotte W. Harrison

NOTES Same description. Last half of a title clearance made in order to include Charlotte Harrison's name on the title.

The other deed is: Clara J. Spencer, widow to Lee S. Gillis 1952, 296/549.
Conveyed to Charles T. A. Spencer and Clara J. Spencer by Home Owners' Loan Corporation 1938, 242/104. Charles Spencer died leaving Clara J. sole owner.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 242 PAGE: 104
FROM: Home Owners' Loan Corporation PRICE: \$700
TO: Charles T. A. Spencer and Clara J. Spencer
NOTES Same description.
Conveyed by J. Fletcher Clark, assignee to Home Owners' Loan Corporation
1938, 241/229.

YEAR: 1938 VOL: 241 PAGE: 229
FROM: J. Fletcher Clark, Assignee PRICE: \$1000
TO: Home Owners' Loan Corporation
NOTES HOLC was high bidder at foreclosure of mortgage, 1934, 232/132 Mary J. Stoker and John H Stoker to HOLC.
The references in the deed to the two parcels are: Parcel 1. (41') John N. Townsend to Mary J. Stoker 1907, 150/2, Parcel 2. (10') St. Michaels Savings Bank to Mary J. Stoker 1907, 149/498.

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 150 PAGE: 2
FROM: John M. Townsend PRICE:
TO: Mary J. Stoker
NOTES "for life, then to her heirs and assigns".
Parcel 1. "The lot whereon William J. Fairbank lately resided." Forty feet more or less on Talbot Street, back 120 feet. Adjoining the land of James E. Harrison on the south side.
Parcel 2. Ten feet on Talbot Street on the north side of the lot by 120 feet deep. Conveyed to John N. Townsend by Mary J. Stoker and John H. Stoker.
Both parcels were 1907, 15/1.

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 150 PAGE: 1
FROM: Mary J. Stoker and John H. Stoker PRICE:
TO: John N. Townsend
NOTES Same description as 1984, 584/128.
Parcel 1. conveyed to Mary J. Stoker by W. D. J. Morris 1905, 145/479.
Parcel 2. conveyed to Mary J. Stoker by St Michaels Savings Bank 1907, 149/498.

YEAR: 1907 VOL: 149 PAGE: 498
FROM: St. Michaels Savings Bank PRICE: \$125
TO: Mary J. Stoker
NOTES Begins at the NW corner of Mary J. Stoker on Talbot Street; run N with street 10 feet; then E parallel with Stoker; then S 10 feet to Stoker; with Stoker 120 feet to the beginning.
Part of a lot that was conveyed to the grantors by James E. Harrison, trustee for Wm. J. Fairbank 1903, 141/345.
The purchase of this lot increases the 40 feet of previous deeds to a frontage of 51 feet on Talbot Street. Note that this 10 feet came off of the lot on the North side (lot 23 -- T-603).

YEAR: 1905 VOL: 145 PAGE: 479
FROM: Wm. D.. J. Morris & Laura PRICE: \$1000
TO: Mary J. Stoker (Williamson, Mingo Cty., W. Va.)
NOTES Begins at the SW corner of the St. Michaels Savings Bank lot (formerly T. Lawrence Jones) run S with Talbot Street 41 feet to James E. Harrison (formerly W. N. Kirby); E with Harrison 120 feet to Lewis Tarr; N 43 feet to the Savings Bank lot; W 120 feet to beginning. Subject to a right -of-way of James Harrison over the SW side of the lot.
Conveyed to W. D. J. Morris by James E. Harrison , trustee of Wm. J. Fairbank 1903, 141/347.

YEAR: 1903 VOL: 141 PAGE: 347
FROM: James E. Harrison, trustee for Wm. J. Fairbank PRICE: \$851
TO: W. D. J. Morris
NOTES Deed says see Emily Harrison to Wm. J. Fairbank 1867, 74/32 (except that part conveyed by Fairbank to W. N. Kirby, 1873, 79/200).
Bought by Morris, THE St. Michaels lawyer, as high bidder at a public sale held by trustee Harrison. Deed states that this is the residence of Wm. J. Fairbank and wife.
James E. Harrison was Trustee per deed of Trust 1903, 139/352.

YEAR: 1903 VOL: 139 PAGE: 352
FROM: William J. Fairbank and Rebecca Fairbank PRICE:
TO: James E. Harrison
NOTES A Deed of Trust. Fairbank turns everything over to Harrison - except the property of his wife and the \$100 allowed by law. Harrison is to sell as soon as possible to pay Fairbank's debts.
This sale included the adjacent lot (T-603), also owned by Fairbank. At the sale, lot 23 (T-603) went to the St. Michaels Savings Bank while lot 24 (this one) went to W. D. J. Morris.

YEAR: 1873 VOL: 79 PAGE: 200
FROM: Wm. J. Fairbank and Rebecca PRICE: \$125
TO: William N. Kirby
NOTES Begins at a post 8' from the kerb on Talbot Street; run SE with Talbot Street to the property of George H. Hopkins; with Hopkins E 120 feet to Lewis Tarr; with Tarr N 20 feet to the beginning.
Part of the property conveyed to Wm. J. Fairbank by Emily Harrison 1867, 74/32.
The sale of this lot brought the 61 foot lot of 1867 down to 41 feet where it remained until Mary Stoker added 10 feet to the opposite side in 1907!!

YEAR: 1867 VOL: 74 PAGE: 32
FROM: Emily Harrison PRICE: \$375
TO: William J. Fairbank

NOTES Begins at the line with J. Lawrence Jones; run S with Talbot Street 61 feet to Edward Blades heirs; then E 120 feet to Lewis Tarr; with Tarr N 63 feet to J. Lawrence Jones; with Jones W 120 feet to the beginning. Unable to find a transfer of the property to Emily Harrison; however, she was in the line of inheritance from Samuel Harrison. This lot, number 24 of Braddock's original 58, had not been sold by Braddock at the time of his death. Thus, it passed to John Thompson by Braddock's will and was included in Braddock's property sold to Captain Wignal (1784, 21/417). It was not included in the property resold by Wignal to Thompson (1784, 21/413). See following deed.

YEAR: 1789 VOL: 23 PAGE: 598
FROM: James Wignal PRICE: p7 5s sp
TO: Meredith Marshall, "Planter"

NOTES The deal included this lot (number 24) and also one-half of lot number 38 and lot 39 on St. Mary's Square. There is a record of the sale of lots 1/2 38 and 39 by Meredith Marshall but was not able to locate a sale of number 24.

Meredith Marshall died before 1822 and in 1822, 44/126 Nancy Seymour sold all of her father, Meredith Marshall's land to Samuel Harrison for \$390.96. Also, in 1823 Samuel Harrison acquired additional - unstated - portions of Meredith Marshall's estate from Levin Marshall.

Emily Harrison inherited numerous houses and lots - unspecified - from her father, Alexander Bradford Harrison who was also a partner of his uncle Samuel.

The lot was within Jane's Progress and came to James Braddock at the auction of Philip Wetheral's real estate in 1778, 21/66.

THIS DEED, made this 1st day of MARCH, 1984, by
Lester C. Roe, widower, of Talbot County, State of Maryland.

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy-nine Thousand Dollars (\$79,000.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Lester C. Roe does hereby grant and convey unto Matthew E. Mitchell and Betty E. Mitchell, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and to the personal representatives and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple, an undivided two-thirds (2/3rds) interest in and to the property hereinafter mentioned and described, and unto Matthew E. Mitchell, Jr., his personal representatives and assigns, in fee simple, an undivided one-third (1/3rd) interest in and to the hereinafter described property, the same being described as follows, to wit:

ALL those two lots or parcels of land situated on the East side of Talbot Street in the Town of St. Michaels, Talbot County, Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say:

LOT NO. 1: BEGINNING for the same at the Southwest corner of the lot now or formerly belonging to St. Michaels Bank, and running thence Southwardly with Talbot Street 41 feet to the lot now or formerly belonging to J. E. Harrison; thence with said Harrison lot, Eastwardly 120 feet to the Lewis Tarr lot; thence therewith North 43 feet to the Bank lot aforesaid; thence therewith West 120 feet to the place of beginning; subject, however, to a right-of-way of the said James E. Harrison over the Southwest side of the lot.

LOT NO. 2: BEGINNING for the same at the Northwest corner of said Lot No. 1 and running thence Northwardly with said Talbot Street, 10 feet; thence Eastwardly, parallel with the boundary line of said Lot No. 1, 120 feet; thence Southwardly 10 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot No. 1; thence Westwardly, with said Lot No. 1, 120 feet to the place of beginning.

Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2 as above described comprise a lot fronting 51 feet on the East side of Talbot Street and running back with a nearly equal width for a depth of 120 feet.

BEING a part of the property (Parcel No. 2) mentioned and described in a Deed from Lester C. Roe and Rebecca E. Roe, his wife, to Patricia B. Roe and Nancy Jane Harding, dated July 9, 1977, and recorded among the Land Record Books of Talbot County in Liber No. 513, folio 567, the said Lester C. Roe and Rebecca E. Roe having reserved a life estate in said property with full power to sell, etc. said property, the said Rebecca E. Roe having departed this life prior hereto and the said Lester C. Roe exercising his reserved rights to sell, etc. by this Deed.

TOGETHER with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining.

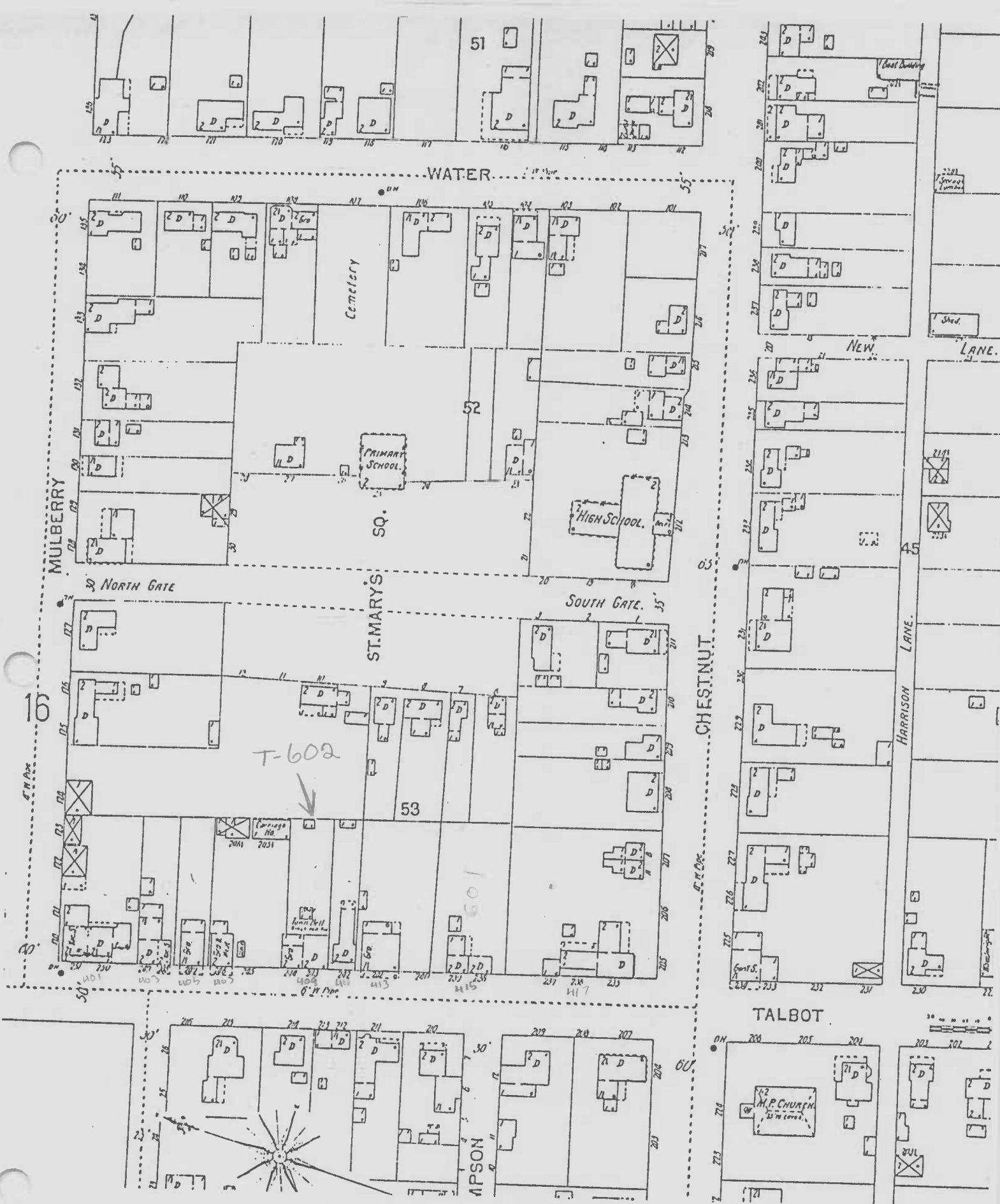
TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said lots or parcels of ground and premises, above described and mentioned and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Matthew E. Mitchell and Betty E. Mitchell, his wife, as tenants by the entireties, their assigns, and to the personal representatives and assigns of the survivor, in fee simple, as to an undivided two-thirds interest, and unto Matthew E. Mitchell, Jr., his personal representatives and assigns, in fee simple, as to an undivided one-third interest.

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St. Michaels, Md. 21663

409 Talbot St.

examined and mailed to Mr. & Mrs. Matthew E. Mitchell

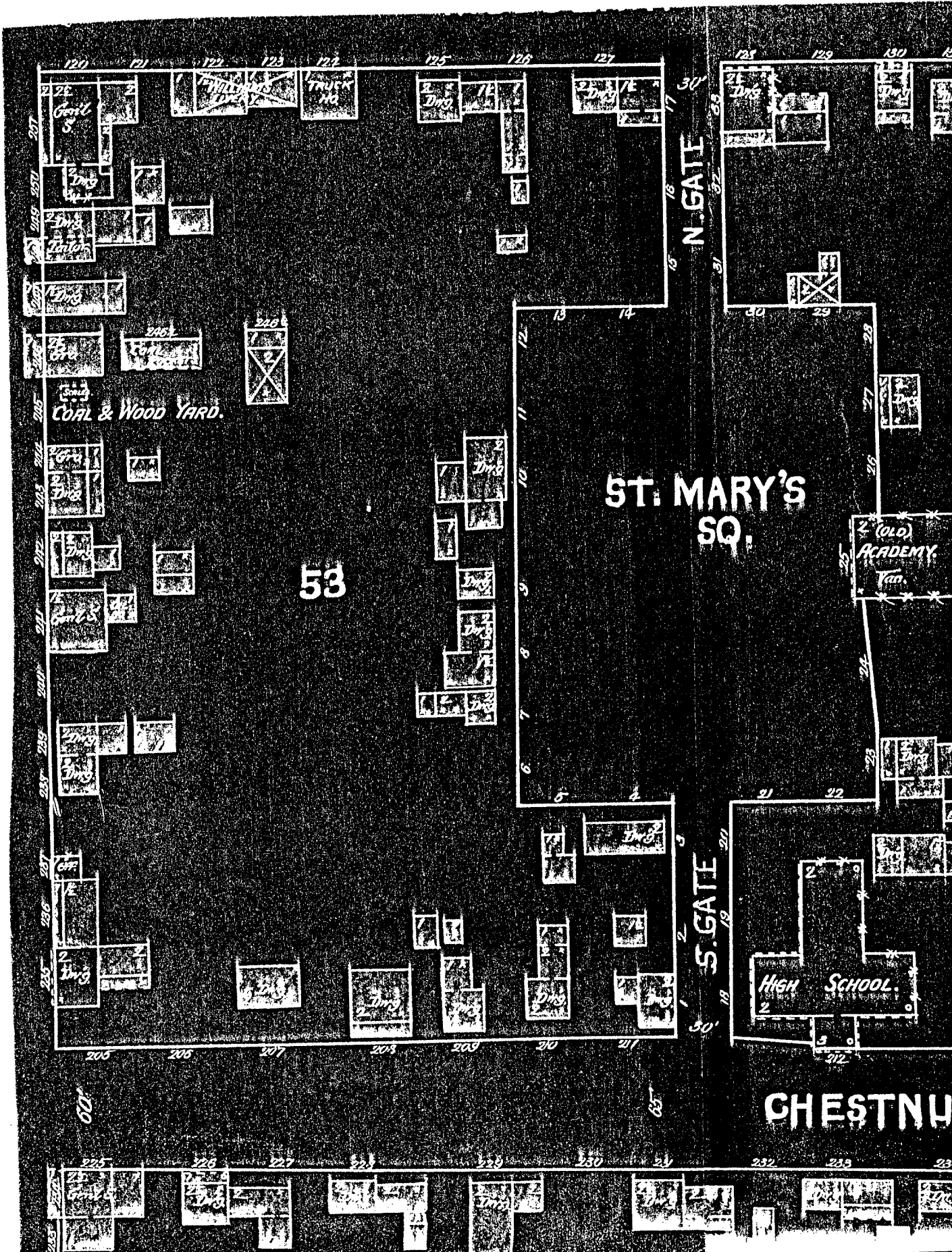


SANBORN - 1901

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SANBORN 1891

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EASTON GAZETTE, 3 July 1886: "William J. Fairbank (Coal & Wood Dealer)
has painted his house and store a lively green."





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409 Talbot Street

St. Michaels, Talbot County, MD

West elevation

11/87 Paul Touart photographer

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Northeast elevation

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